

***Remarks***

Support for the amendments to the substitute specification is found in the originally filed specification, filed April 19, 2001, at page 7, and of U.S. Application No. 09/370,084 (hereinafter "the '084 application"), filed August 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,576,235, at page 7, to which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. A "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B) FILING DATE GRANTED" was mailed for the present application on September 28, 2001. The Notice required "[a] substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52" because the papers contained improper margin. When the substitute specification was filed on January 2, 2002, Table 1 was inadvertently omitted from the specification. In addition, the specification of the '084 application was incorporated by reference in its entirety into the present specification as filed (*see* Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on April 19, 2001), and the added material was inadvertently omitted from the present application.

Under the rules, if all or a portion of the specification is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under §1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed non-provisional application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under §1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation of reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a) and M.P.E.P. § 201.06(c)(IV) at p. 200-26. Thus, these changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Prompt and favorable entry and consideration of this Supplemental Amendment are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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